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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened period for reply expires on February 17, 2007, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.